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SUBJECT: CCG REAPPRAISAL

REFS: (A) PARIS 37379, DEC 22, 1977
(B) STATE 308865, DEC 28, 1977
(C) USNATO 00024, JAN 3, 1978
(D) MARKS-REHFELD TELECON, MARCH 3, 1978

1. WE UNDERSTAND FROM REF D THAT THERE MAY BE
SOME CONFUSION RE US POSITION ON CCG REAPPRAISAL.
CONFUSION MAY BE PARTLY DUE TO FACT THAT REF C
WAS RECEIVED AFTER REF B (STATE GUIDANCE) WAS SENT,
AND THAT REF B WAS NOT REPEATED TO USNATO UNTIL
JANUARY 11, 1978.

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2. THUS, WE DID NOT KNOW THAT USNATO WAS OPPOSED
TO PROPOSAL WHEN GUIDANCE WAS PROVIDED. HOWEVER, IT
SHOULD BE NOTED THAT TENTATIVE US SUPPORT OF SWEDISH
PROPOSAL WAS LIMITED TO JANUARY 4 DISCUSSIONS WITH OECD
DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL WOOTTON.

3. WE ARE NOT AWARE OF ANY FURTHER REPORT CONCERNING
THIS SUBJECT, AND DESIRE TO REEXAMINE OUR POSITION

IN THE LIGHT OF REF C, AND EXAMINATION OF STUDY GROUPS
MANDATE AND MEMBERSHIP IF PROPOSAL EVER REACHES THAT
STAGE.

4. IN THE MEANTIME, IT SHOULD BE UNDERSTAND THAT WE
WILL NOT NECESSARILY SUPPORT SWEDISH PROPOSAL, AND
THAT WE CERTAINLY DO NOT WANT TO GIVE IMPRESSION
THAT WE ARE COSPONSORS.

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